GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5396
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000
IRREGULARITIES IN DOORDARSHAN
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI;RAMSHETH THAKUR;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan is suffering losses due to the alleged irregularities committed by Officials of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in this connection the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Doordarshan Diagnoses why it`s bleeding` appearing in the Indian Express on 26 November, 2000; and

(d) the action being taken against these officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): The actual receipts of Doordarshan have increased from Rs. 419.99 crores in 1998-1999 toRs. 496.23 crores in 1999-2000 as a result of many improvements made for strengthening of functioning of Prasar Bharati.

Government is aware of the news item `Doordarshan diagnoses why it`s bleeding` that had appeared in Indian Express of 26th November 2000. The news item refers to some report but it does not specify which report it has relied on. Therefore, it is difficult for the Government to make any specific comment in regard to such report.

It is true that CBI is seized of some cases concerning officials of Doordarshan and it hasrecently conducted searches at the residences and offices of some present and past officers of Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati would come to know about the findings in such investigations by CBI andblame, if any, of concerned officers after CBI completes the investigation and conveys the result to Government and/or Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati will take action against officers who may be foundguilty when the CBI report is available.